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FIRST PRIZE ESSAY BY MISS PFEIFER

OF CONCEPTION — CONTEST CONDUCTED BY C. OF C.

13 PRIZES ARE AWARDED

Winners are Announced This Afternoon —Somerville Makes the Awards at Circuit Court Room.

Miss Lucille Pfeifer, age 14, of the eighth grade, Immaculate Conception School, Conception, wrote the prize essay on "Why I Like the Farm," in the contest conducted by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce. The contest ended at 5 o'clock last Saturday afternoon.

All the children in grade schools of the county outside of Maryville were eligible to enter this contest. Thirteen prizes in all were awarded by the Chamber of Commerce at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the circuit court room. Leslie G. Somerville, county superintendent of schools, announced the prize winners and awarded the prizes.

Eight prizes were also given by the Chamber of Commerce to prize winning essays on "The Education and Financial Influence of Thrift and Home Ownership." All high school pupils in the county outside of Maryville were eligible.

The three judges, Uel W. Lamkin, W. W. Stanfield and Bert Cooper, stated that it was difficult to choose the best among the 175 essays as there were so many good essays. The judges did not know whose essays they were judging, as the essays were numbered before being sent to the judges.

One hundred and three grade pupils wrote essays on "Why I Like the Farm," and among the high school pupils writing on the other subject there were twenty-eight sophomores, twenty-nine freshmen, five seniors and ten juniors.

The judges made the following report when announcing the prize winners:

L. H. Brownfield, Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Maryville, Mo.

Dear Sir:

The committee of judges for the essay contest of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce beg leave to submit the following list of prize winners:

(1). The subject, "Why I Like the Farm."

1st prize, No. 34—Lucille Pfeifer, age 14, grade 8th, Immaculate Conception School, Conception, Mo.

2nd prize, No. 21—Marshall Ford, 8th grade, Shell Grove school.

3rd prize, No. 26—Carl Holtschaw, Ravenwood school.

4th prize, No. 61.—Marvin Dougan, 5th grade, Guilford school.

5th prize, No. 30—Marie Lockhart, 8th grade, Diamond Branch school, Ravenwood, Mo.

(2.) The subject, "The Educational and Financial Influence of Thrift and Home Ownership."

Freshman: 1st prize, No. 27—Mabel Wygal, Ravenwood. 2nd prize, No. 1 — Minnie Kaufman, Parnell High school.

Sophomore: 1st prize, No. 27—Marjorie G. Sawyers, Ravenwood. 2nd prize, No. 2—Margaret Kirk, Hopkins.

Juniors: 1st prize, No. 2—Lawrence Linville, Skidmore. 2nd prize, No. 5—Mildred Wygal, Ravenwood.

Seniors: 1st prize, No. 2 — Beulah June West, Ravenwood. 2nd prize, No. 1—Mary V. Wray, Guilford.

Signed:

UEL W. LAMKIN,
W. W. STANFIELD,
BERT COOPER.

Mr. Somerville, in awarding the prizes, made the following remarks:

"The interest of the Chamber of Commerce is county-wide, rather than for Maryville interests. Their ambition in the past year's activities has been to develop Nodaway County as one great community. All are acquainted with the many activities of the past such as the Agricultural shows and community meetings, which have stimulated a greater interest in the school and community work in Nodaway County. The Chamber of Commerce had found the proper way of helping Nodaway County is by working through the schools. This is only expressing the ideas of the greatest men who advocate the way of greeting things done is through the public schools. In view of this fact, the Chamber of Commerce instituted this contest of essay work in order that the child might become better acquainted with

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Prize Winning Essay In The Chamber of Commerce Contest

(Written by Lucille Pfeifer, 8th grade, Immaculate Conception School, Conception).

WHY I LIKE THE FARM.

I like the farm for many reasons:

First, because farm life is the most independent life. For almost everything city folks are depending on the farmer, whilst the latter is a free man. If the farmer were not to raise anything, starvation in the cities would be a sure consequence. Strikes, hard times and similar calamities deprive the city man of his daily bread, the farmer goes to his barn, and fields and finds enough to eat even in years when things don't grow well. Who would not like to be a farmer and live in the country on the fat of the earth?

Second, farm life is a much more healthful life than city life, with its factories and smoke-stacks, with its foul air and all kinds of impurities. Consumption and all kinds of sickness usually start in cities. Look at the city lad with his pale cheeks and compare it with the rosy complexion of the country boy, or country girl, and you can easily see why I like the farm best.

Third, in a city you face so many dangers for soul and body which are almost entirely unknown in the country. Do we not read daily of accidents in our cities by the street cars or by autos; hundreds lose their lives there on that account, but hardly any in the country. And where do young people fall into temptation more than in a city with its theaters, ball rooms, and similar places? All this is almost unknown in the country.

Fourth ,the life on a farm is more simple and inexpensive than that in a city. The savings of city folks all go to the paying of rent, high taxes, car fares, amusements and the necessaries of life. The farmer has hardly any outlays for what he eats and drinks.

Fifth, in the country people are more sociable than in the city where dwellers in the same house are often strangers to each other. But in the country everybody is your friend.

Sixth, every city must necessarily have lots of rules and regulations which are greatly interfering with the freedom of man. Such rules are unknown in the country, and here every boy and girl is his or her own master.

Seventh, you may think that the life in the country is a dull life; that the farmer is busy from morning till evening, and from evening till morning, and that he has hardly any amusements and recreation. But if you think that way you are greatly mistaken. We have our community hall, socials, card parties, some dances, movies, everything that may gladden the heart of young and old; yet all these amusements are far more innocent and far less dangerous than those in cities.

Just come out to us and live with us in our God's country for a year or two, and you will not want to return to the city. Anyhow, I like the country and the farm and wish to live and die there.

CHRISTMAS WITH NO SNOW FORECAST

NO HOLIDAY SCENERY SAYS U. S. WEATHER BUREAU

TEMPERATURES NORMAL

Weather-Wise Men At Washington Dict a Fair Day With Only Traces of Snow.

Washington, Dec. 22—The United States Weather Bureau today issued the following for Christmas week:

"Upper Missouri and lower Missouri valleys, generally fair with temperature about normal until the later part of the week when rain or snow with low temperatures are probable."

Washington, Dec. 22—It will be a snowless Christmas.

This was the word that came from the United States Weather Bureau today when government forcasters were asked to tell the country what kind of weather to expect next Tuesday.

According to present indications the weather experts said that fair weather would prevail over the greater part of the United States on Christmas Day. Temperatures will be normal, or nearly so, in most sections of the country with traces of snow here and there to provide the expected Christmas scenery.

60 Families to Get Christmas Dinners

Welfare Board Asks All Gifts To Be At City Hall By 10 O'Clock Monday

At a meeting of the City Welfare Board held at the city hall last evening, final arrangements were made for giving out sixty baskets on Monday afternoon for Christmas. The board has requested all people not giving through the churches or any organizations to have their articles or provisions at the city hall by 10 o'clock Monday morning.

It is expected that there will be in the neighborhood of sixty baskets distributed. All of the churches and many organizations have made arrangements to give articles.

Other members of the welfare board selected in addition to what was published in the paper a few days ago are: James B. Cummins from St. Patrick's Church, Nick Sturm from St. Mary's Church, and L. H. Brownfield of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mabel Wells Here Tonight.

Miss Mabel Wells, a member of the high school faculty of the Shawnee, Okla., schools, will arrive in Maryville tonight to visit her brother, C. E. Wells and family, and other relatives during the holidays.

REED SAYS BONUS BILL IS DOOMED

DECLARES PRESENT CONGRESS WILL NOT PASS IT.

FLAYS MELLON TAX PLAN

Believes Mellon Wants Reduction on Large Incomes Only—Silent on Presidential Boom.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—"The soldier bonus will not be passed by the present Congress, taxes will not be reduced on moderate sized incomes, and even Henry Ford will not be able to haul the load of Coolidge and Mellon," United States Senator James A. Reed declared here early today on his arrival from Washington to spend the Christmas holidays.

Reed's comment on the announcement of the presidential boom for him was, "I just got through cussing the last fellow who asked me about that. All I know is what I saw in the appers."

Referring to Secretary Mellon's tax program he declared, "Mellon wants to reduce taxes on very large incomes. That is his real purpose. I believe the proposal will be defeated."

Mrs. Abe Loucks, 79, Dies at Skidmore

Funeral Will Be Held At Skidmore Tomorrow Afternoon—Burial At Maitland

Mary Ellen Loucks, wife of Abe Lucks, died yesterday morning at her home in Skidmore. Mrs. Loucks had been ill for several days and death was due to a complication of causes. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the M. E. Church at Skidmore conducted by the Rev. J. J. Cokely, assisted by the Rev. C. H. Sauceman and the Rev. E. F. Hagey. Burial will be in the Maitland cemetery.

Mrs. Loucks was 79 years old, having been born September 13, 1844 in Holt County. She has lived in Skidmore for the past ten years. Mrs. Loucks is survived by her husband and four children, Mark Loucks of St. Joseph, Peter Loucks, near Skidmore, Mrs. C. M. Jackson of Powhattan, Kan., and A. C. Forney, a son by former marriage, all of whom are expected there tonight. She is also survived by three brothers, R. A. Iddings of Maitland, James Iddings of Oregon, Mo., F. A. Iddings of Russell, Kan., and a sister, Mrs. Fannie Livengood of Formosa, Kan.

Nicholas Christmas Guests.

Mrs. J. O. Roller and children of Soldier, Kan., will come Monday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Roller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Nicholas. Robert Nicholas and his sister, Laura Belle, will motor to St. Joseph to meet them.

EXPLANATION GIVEN BY DR. O. L. CURL

MAKES STATEMENT IN REGARD TO GRAY DISMISSAL

WAS NOT HIS DESIRE

To Drop Cases In Gentry County Circuit Court—Agreements Are Not Carried Out

"Without wishing to stir up any agitation in the affair I believe some explanation should be made about the dismissal of the state cases against Virgil Gray," Dr. O. L. Curl, prosecuting attorney, said yesterday.

"After reading the article of the Gray cases in the issue of the Democrat-Forum of December 13, the facts in these cases are:

"There were seventeen cases on the docket ahead of the Gray cases, among these a murder case, assault with intent to kill, rape, several liquor cases, grand larceny, disturbance of the peace and receiving stolen property. The city detectives had absconded and the city had dismissed its two cases against Gray and it was impossible to make any state case without the city's evidence.

"However, there was no intention on my part to dismiss the case of receiving stolen property against Gray. On Saturday, December 8, I talked with Judge Dawson and called his attention to the number of cases that preceded the case of the state against Gray and asked him to let me know when the case would be set on the docket in order that I would have time to get the witnesses there.

"He told me that when he arrived at Albany he would go over the criminal docket and then would let me know when the Gray cases would be set. I also had written to C. E. Ernst, prosecuting attorney of Gentry County, and as soon as he saw when the Gray cases would be set on the docket I requested him to let me know so I could get my witnesses there. Mr. Ramsey, one of the principal witnesses, who owned the automobile, lives in Iowa. I called Mr. Ernst over the telephone at the opening of the court at Albany and he told me that when the cases in question were set he would let me know.

"Now, also, I was informed that the murder case would be tried by the court before the Gray cases and would consume three or four days.

"Mr. W. G. Sawyers, counsel for Gray, was in my office and wanted me to dismiss the case against Gray of the violation of the liquor law and also at the same time we had an understanding that the other case, viz, receiving stolen automobile, should not be tried the first of the week, but the week following and if necessary to be held over to the next term of court at Albany.

"Tuesday evening about dark Mr. Sawyers called me up and said that the deputy sheriff had phoned to him and informed him that the cases against Gray were set for Wednesday morning. I told him I could not possibly get my witnesses there before the following day, which would have been Thursday. I then wrote to Judge Dawson, sending the letter by special delivery, explaining the fact that the witnesses could not be present at the time the case was set and also called his attention to the agreement that Sawyers and I had made.

"The letter should have been delivered to Judge Dawson about noon the next day, Wednesday, but the case was dismissed between 3 and 4 o'clock that afternoon, Wednesday, so Judge Dawson had ample time to get my special delivery letter.

"This case was tried in the March term of court this year. The jury could not decide, the vote being nine to three for conviction. The case was dismissed without my desire or consent.

"In making the agreement with Mr. Sawyers, he said that he had been ill and it was agreeable to both of us to hold the case over. I could not go over to Albany and wait three or four days for the cases to be called and leave my office here. Both Mr. Ernst and Judge Dawson were supposed to inform me far enough in advance as to the time these Gray cases would be set on the docket for me to get my witnesses there," Doctor Curl concluded.

Miss Blanche Erickson, a teacher in the Owen school at St. Joseph, came Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Erickson.

FIRST OF NUTRITION PROGRAM CLOSES

SUPERVISED BY NODAWAY CO. RED CROSS CHAPTER

MISS SMITH TO LEAVE

Work Carried Out In Schools of Six Towns Of County—Food Selection Classes

This week brings to a close the first part of the nutrition program which the Nodaway County Chapter of the American Red Cross has made possible for the grade schools of this county. During the absence of Miss Mildred Smith, the nutrition expert under whose direction the program has been developed, the work will be carried on in the schools under the direction of the teachers who will follow outlines prepared in advance by Miss Smith. Upon return of Miss Smith in the spring the program will be extended to other representative towns of the county which have not yet been reached.

The Red Cross nutrition program was started by a physical examination of the school children. This was done in order to detect any physical defects which might be causing a condition of malnutrition. The examinations were carried on at Elmo and Burlington Junction by the County Health Department; at Hopkins by Dr. H. S. Maxwell and Dr. C. W. Kirk; and in Maryville by the staff of St. Francis Hospital and the local dentists, in conjunction with the County Health Department. When the examinations were completed a graph weight-chart, with space for recording weights for the year, was made for each child. Each child was weighed every month and a record kept for the remainder of the school year and given to the children when school closes for summer vacation.

Lessons have been given each week in all the grades of the following schools: Elmo, Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Graham and Maryville. These lessons covered a simple course in diet and health rules, illustrated and emphasized by stories and games. The teachers will continue to weigh the children once a month.

When this nutrition program was begun in the county schools, the examination showed 37 per cent of the school children to be underweight, of which 21 per cent were 10 per cent or more underweight and 14 per cent were 7 per cent underweight. When the twelve-weeks' series of nutrition lessons was finished a marked improvement in the pupils' state of health was noted, in that only 23 per cent were seriously underweight, of which 14 per cent were 10 per cent or more underweight and 9 per cent were 7 per cent under.

The Graham schools marked the finish of their work with Miss Smith with a health program which consisted of several short health plays and a number of health songs, all of which emphasized lessons learned during the carrying out of the Red Cross nutrition program.

Classes in food selection have been held for adults each week in Maryville, Burlington Junction and Skidmore. Maryville had two of these classes, one of which was for colored mothers. Pictures of both of these classes appear in the special Nutrition number of the red cross courier for December 15. The lessons in these classes consisted in a study of diet for the entire family, from very small children to the aged. Examinations taken by members of the classes entitled them to the certificate issued by the Nutrition Department of the American Red Cross. In a number of instances mothers have appeared to Miss Smith for help in the diet of children of pre-school age who were not doing as well as they should. In every case where instructions were followed the children have shown a decided improvement.

Miss Smith goes from here to Canyon City, Tex., the first of the year, where she has been employed to do the same type of work which she has been doing in Nodaway County. She expects to return about the middle of March to continue the Nodaway County program.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE IS CONFINED TO HIS BED.

Washington, Dec. 22—Former Premier David Lloyd George is indisposed and confined to his bed, it was learned today. He has had to cancel plans for a holiday visit to Wales.

Present Unfavorable to Limit Aircrafts

British Air-Secretary and President Coolidge Hold Conference On Subject Today.

Washington, Dec. 22—A conference over the possibilities of calling an international conference for the limitation of aircraft was held at the White House today between President Coolidge and the Duke of Sutherland, the British under-secretary of aircraft.

Following the conference the British secretary indicated that it was not believed the present would be a propitious time for such a conference.

M.H.S. ORCHESTRA BOOKED FOR W.D.A.F.

TO PLAY AT KANSAS CITY STAR RADIO BROADCASTING STATION

30-PIECE ORGANIZATION

Will Play Either last of March or First Part of April—Preparing For Annual Music Contest

The Maryville High School orchestra is booked for an engagement at the Kansas City Star's broadcasting station, W. D. A. F., according to Loren Schnabel, music director at the high school. The exact date for the engagement has not been set but will be either the last Sunday in March or early in April.

Thirty of the best musicians will be chosen from the fifty-piece orchestra at the High School to make the trip as the Kansas City studio can not accomodate a larger group. The expenses of the members of the orchestra will be paid out of the orchestra fund.

The High School orchestra has also an invitation to the national music contest held at Sabetha, Kan. but if the radio engagement is accepted it is not probable that the orchestra will play in Kansas.

Mr. Schnabel has under his direction the largest orchestra in the history of the High School. Almost all of the members of the last year's orchestra, the winner of the Northwest Missouri contest, are enrolled at the High School again this year and are playing in the orchestra.

Mr. Schnabel said that he has not decided what kind of a program the orchestra will put on this year at the High School. It has been a custom to give an operetta every year. The orchestra has already commenced the preparation for the music contest to be held at the College this spring.

According to the plans of the radio department the orchestra will give an hours concert, from 4 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon. It will be a part of the regular Sunday afternoon program.

Eek and Raynor Talk at Wilcox School

Program and Box Supper Is Given at the School Last Night—Funds to Library.

A box supper was held at the Wilcox school last night, the purpose of which was to raise a levy for library funds. The Maryville Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the grade pupils of the school, gave a program.

L. M. Eek gave a talk and Captain Rolf Raynor talked on some of his various Christmas days.

The grade pupils under the direction of Miss Cecil Howard gave several recitations and songs. Eugene Rathbun is superintendent of the school.

The following program was given:

L. M. Eek—Talk, "Silver Lining to Farmers' Problems."

Captain Rolf Raynor sang several songs and made a short address.

Recitation—Frances Hainline, "Santa's Cake."

Recitation—Marlous Sloan, "Save a Little Christmas."

Dialogue, "Harry's Pockets."

Recitation—Jimmy McGinness, "Letter to Santa Claus."

Reading—Mary Penny, "Christmas Day in the Workshop."

Song, "Santa Claus Is Coming."

Recitation — Dale Draper, "Good Enough."

Dialogue, "Mischevious Mattie."

Recitation — Marlous Sloan, "The Lookout Man."

Recitation—Louis Skeed.

To Kansas City For Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Deatherage will go to Kansas City Tuesday morning to spend Christmas with the former's mother, Mrs. J. L. Deatherage, and other relatives.

COOLIDGE TO BID FOR SOLID SOUTH

SECRETARY SLEMP LEAVES FOR SOUTHERN TRIP

G. O. P. DISCORD THERE

President's Secretary Will Attempt To Secure Uncontested Delegations To Cleveland Next June

Washington, Dec. 22—President Coolidge's campaign managers have decided to lose no time in going after the 156 delegates from the so-called "Solid South" to the Cleveland convention.

The first step in this campaign was seen today in the announcement that C. Bascom Slemp the President's secretary, is leaving the Capital tonight for the South to be gone several weeks. Before he returns to the White House he will have made a fairly complete survey of the situation from the Coolidge standpoint.

Conferences will be arranged with Republican leaders in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, and the Carolinas. In all of these states, except North Carolina, delegates to the Cleveland convention will be selected by state conventions instead of in primaries. In some of the states, notably Florida and Georgia, the Republican organization is facing factional fights and one of Sec. Slemp's projects will be to so adjust these controversies as to permit uncontested delegations to go to the Cleveland convention next June.

James M. Craven, 75, Dies at Pickering

James M. Craven, a resident of Nodaway county since 1856, died at 8:45 o'clock this morning at his home in Pickering following an eight week's illness of pernicious anaemia. Mr. Craven had been failing health for the last four years. Surviving are his wife and five daughters, Mrs. Charles Lyons of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. John Van Buren of Fort Scott, Kan.; Mrs. Milo Torrey, Mrs. C. E. Harvey and Mrs. Will Saunders, all of Pickering. Mrs. Van Buren arrived in Pickering yesterday noon but her sister, Mrs. Lyons, will be unable to come for the funeral because of ill health. Mr. Craven is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ben Allen, and a brother, S. A. Craven, both of Maryville.

He was born May 8, 1848, in North Carolina, and came to Missouri in 1856 locating on a farm eight miles east of Maryville. OnFebruary 3, 1869, he was married to Nancy A. Pistole. He lived on a farm, three miles west of Pickering, until nine years ago when he moved to Pickering. Miss Mina Harvey of Maryville, a granddaughter, went to Pickering this noon.

Mexican Rebels Make Overtures for Peace

Vera Cruz, Dec. 22.—Several leaders of the Mexican revolt today are reported to have made peace overtures to the federals.

Adolfo de la Huerta, according to authoritative sources, was attempting to arrange for a conference with federal military chiefs.

There has been comparative inactivity on both sides since the battle of San Marcos Junction.

El Paso, Dec. 22.—The Huerta forces have been driven from the city of Puedla, Mexico by federal troops, who have again occupied this seat of disturbance, according to advices received here today from the assistatn secretary of war. The information also stated that Generals Naycotte and Castro, rebel leaders, have been captured and believed to have been executed.

Funeral of Jake Conrad Tomorrow

The funeral services for Jake Conrad, who did yesterday, will be held at the parlors of the Cummins-Wray Furniture Co., tomorow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The sevices will be conducted by the Rev. S. P. Allison of the Presbyterian Church. Burial will be in Miriam Cemetery. A daughter, Lena Conrad, who is a student at the Convent at Clyde, came last night.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy Saturday; partly cloudy Sunday.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

Bible Thought for Today

JESUS' ANSWER.—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbour as thyself. This do and thou shalt live.—Luke 10:25, 27, 28.

Fifty Years Ago

(Taken from the Nodaway Democrat, Dec. 18, 1873)

On Saturday night last, about 100 yards of the railroad at Amazonia settled several feet, the Missouri River having undermined it. The damage was speedily repaired, and trains are running as usual. Meantime, the company has made arangements to confine the river and save their property.

The Holt County Sentinel says: "The high rates of freight on goods shipped by rail from St. Joseph to points in Holt County, has induced a number of our merchants to have their goods brought by wagon from that point. Mr. D. P. Kyle has recently opened a freight line between Oregon and that city, which promises to become quite a competing line to the Kansas City, St. Joseph and Council Bluffs Railroad."

On St. Johns Day, the 27th inst., the officers elect of Maryville Lodge No. 165, and Nodaway Lodge No. 470, A. F. & A. M. will be installed at the hall in Maryville. A splendid dinner will be prepared, and the occasion promises to be one of the most interesting that has ever occurred with the fraternity at this place. The following are the officers to be installed: Maryville Lodge—A. P. Morehouse, W. M., George W. Davis, S. W., C. A. Anthony, J. W., S. S. Casteel, Treasurer; Nat Sisson, Secretary; Jacob Lips, Tyler; S. C. McClusky, S. D., S. W. Briggs, J. D., George Snapp, S. S., James I. George, J. S.

Nodaway Lodge—L. A. Bariteau, W. M., A. W. Bariteau, S. W., T. H. Brown, J. W., H. C. Fisher, Treasurer; I. V. McMillan, Secretary; F. R. Nourse, Tyler; W. D. Winslow, S. D., Elmer Davis, J. D., T. H. Logan, S. S., R. P. Weaver, J. S.

Hogs have been tolerably active during the past week at about 4 cents, though yesterday there were evidence of a decline in the market. Most of the hogs have been shipped out of the county already, still there are quite a number of good hogs yet to sell, and we hope to see the market hold up to good prices.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

The Maryville Seminary Fall term closes Thursday of this week until Tuesday, January 5, when the winter term will open. The Fall term has been the most prosperous so far in the history of the Seminary.

The Farmers' Institute and the Corn Show were held last Friday. The corn exhibit was in the county court room. The corn will be sent on to St. Louis after awhile for exhibit at the World's Fair. The judges of the corn exhibits were Eugene Ogden, D. C. White and John M. Vert.

The State Board of Agriculture has conferred the appointment of Assistant State Veterinarian on Dr. H. H. Wolf of this city.

Maryville Lodge No. 165 A. F. & A. M. elected the following officers last Saturday night: A. Stauble, W. M.; Adolph Koch, S. W.; O. P. Wade, J. W.; Robertson Craven, treasurer, and Warren Jones, secretary.

A Nice Christmas Gift

for Him or Her, is one of our Special Automobile Accident Policies. Pays $25 per week total disability; $15 hospital fee; $1000 for accidental death or loss of hands, feet or eyes. Covers automobile accidents. Issued to men or women. Cost $5 per year.

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On the Long, Long Journey

The Epworth League of the First M. E. Church has elected officers as follows: J. C. Johnson, president; Harold Van Steenburg, secretar; Mrs. H. E. Moss, treasurer; Mrs. Vance Westfall, organist. And vice presidents as follows: First, Mate DeLana; second, Audrey Howendobler; third, Ida Dutton; fourth, Mayme Wadley.

Christmas Program at Skidmore Monday

(Skidmore News.)

The various committees appointed on the community Christmas to be given Monday evening have been at their post the past week and most everything is ready for the biggest event in the way of Christmas programs, ever put on in Skidmore.

The tree committee have selected the tree and the decorating committee has plans made for the decorations.

The program will be as follows: The band will play a special selection which will be followed by prayer by Rev. E. F. Hagee. After the prayer the lights will be turned off on the tree and the star will appear and the choir will sing "There's a Song in the Air, There's a Star in the Sky," and Joseph and Mary with the babe in the manger, will be seen. This will be followed by a song by the children's choir, "The Little Babe Jesus," then the song, "Silent Night," will be sung by the full choir. A solo, "Long Years Ago O'er Bethlehem's Hills," by Miss Eula Miller, will follow the song "Silent Night." During the solo the shepherds will appear. The song, "Joy to the World," will be sung by the choir, the Wise Men come to pay tribute to Jesus, and the lights flash on in a flood of lights and the band will play another selection. While the band is playing the distribution of treats or gifts will be made. The benediction will be by the Rev. G. L. Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be on hand, in fact they will be in Skidmore Saturday night and remain here until after Christmas.

FAIRVIEW ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith and family of Graham visited Sunday with Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Frank Dougan.

Ray Purviance spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Fred Yates.

Mildred and Edith Rogers spent Sunday with Grace and Annetta Maffitt.

Mrs. Charles Dougan spent Sunday with her granddaughter, Mrs. Oscar Hardisty, south of Maryville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wohlford and daughter, Lorene, spent Sunday with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wohlford.

Leland Wohlford spent Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Leiby.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Wohlford and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jobe spent Wednesday at the home of S. A. Wohlford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilsabeck and family visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Ankrom.

Lorene Wohlford was shopping in St. Joseph Monday.

Willie Furlong spent Monday evening at the home of George Wohlford.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walden and family were Saturday evening visitors at the home of Frank Maffitt.

Mrs. John Sherman visited Friday with Mrs. John Merrill.

Frank Dougan and daughter, Garnet, motored to Bolckow Saturday evening and had dental work done.

Billie Willson from Paradise Valley, Nebraska, is visiting in this vicinity with his aunt, Mrs. Caroline Willson.

The pupils of our school have just finished their second quarter's exams.

Our school has thirteen pupils enrolled. The total number of days attendance by all pupils for the month, 259; average daily attendance, 12 19-20; number attending every day this month 12; number of cases of tardiness, 0.

Those who have attended every day and have not been tardy during the first half of school are: Edith and Flossie Rasco, Harold and Garnet Dougan, Harold and Homer Phelps, Velma Hilsabeck, Leland Wohlford and Annetta Maffitt.

Miss Helen Dunn of Columbia passed through Maryville this morning on route to Bolckow to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn.

Emerson Was Taken To Pen Last Week

(Albany Capital).

Ex-Sheriff J. A. Ross last Friday took G. L. Emerson to Jefferson City and turned him over to the authorities at the penitentiary.

Emerson was arrested at Stanberry on a charge of possession of stolen goods. It was shown by Wabash detectives that he had broken into the depot at Blanchard, Iowa, and carried away merchandise of considerable value. After being arrested at Stanberry he was taken to Maryville by the Nodaway County sheriff and was then brought on over for a hearing in the Gentry circuit court. He entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to serve three years in the penitentiary. It was stated that Emerson had served a ten-year sentence in the Illinois penitentiary and five years in Iowa.

Annual Church Day To Be on January 6

Yearly Report Of County Christian Church Will Be Given, and New Officers Elected

At the Church Board meeting held last Sunday afternoon, it was planned to have the Annual Church Day on January 6th. It is on this day when all yearly reports are given and new officers are elected for the ensuing year. Having this day after the old year ends will permit all Departments to make full reports of the year's work.

The Church Board is so organized that one third of the officers are elected every year. This means that this year there will be two elders and eight deacons to elect by termination of office and two other deacons to supply removals.

The names of those whose terms are to be filled are as follows: Elders U. S. Wright and G. B. Roseberry. Deacons, by termination of office, J. F. Roleofson, F. P. Robinson, E. W. Gray, L. H. Frazee, Howard Strong, Frank Reavis, B. A. Frost, W. H. Swinford. The two removals are Newt Hagins and E. W. Glenn.

The Nominating committee is composed of the elders of the church whose terms do not expire and are: J. H. Todd, Alex Holt, Jonathan Stark W. E. Goforth, W. C. Frank and A. E. Bell. All the members who wish to make any nominations for these offices will hand the list to one of the committee before Sunday, Dec. 30th.

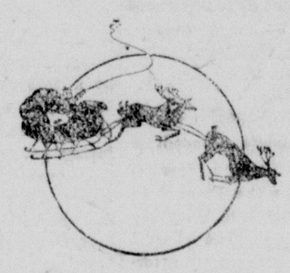
Those who have been nominated will be placed on ballots and the vote will be taken on the Annual Day, Jan. 6th.

Committees have been appointed to arrange the dinner and the program for the Annual Day.

Rose Eleanor Messbarger

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Messbarger of Burlington Junction announce the birth of their second daughter this morning to whom they have given the name of Rose Eleanor. Mrs. Messbarger will be remembered as Miss Angie Waldeier of Parnell.

The voice of a pessimist always reminds us of the wind moaning through the pines.



Thanking you for your business during the past year and wishing you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Henderson
Plumbing and Electric Shop.

the sunnyside of winter is in

California

Take the family—Excellent schools for your children.

If you prefer, rent a bungalow and enjoy your own rose garden.

Santa Fe superior service and scenery—plus Fred Harvey meals—your assurance of a delightful trip there.

Will gladly arrange details, reservations, etc.

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Div. Frt. & Pass. Agt.
114 So. 5th St.
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Santa Fe

Fred Harvey all the way

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May Your Stockings of Hope Be Filled to Overflowing!

AND YOUR FONDEST DESIRES BE REALIZED IN 1924.

So good have the people of this City and community been to us during the past year we look back and find much for which to feel truly thankful. Your generous patronage has enabled us to record a satisfactory business and in thanking you we are pleased with this opportunity offered by the season to

Wish you a Merry Christmas
and a New Year of Peace
and Plenty.

Curfman Bros.

Lumber and Building Material.

SOCIETY

Robert Richey Lewis

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lewis, Jr., born yesterday morning at St. Francis Hospital, has been given the name Robert Richey.

Surprise Shower for Teacher.

Members of the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Church gave a surprise handkerchief shower for their teacher, Mrs. Bert Sherman, last night at the Sherman home on North Fillmore street. A short business session was held and during the social hour which followed refreshments were served. The class members present were Mrs. P. J. Jantz, Mrs. Frank Jackson, Mrs. Frank Spencer, Mrs. Will Masters, Mrs. Charles Ross, Mrs. Richard New, Mrs. Mae Jones, Mrs. A. T. Estes, Mrs. O. V. Pugsley and Mrs. Ursle Crockett. The guests of the evening were Mrs. J. D. England, Dorothy Jackson, Aurene Spencer, Arlene Sherman, the Rev. J. A. Cooper and Bert Sherman.

Kennk Family Reunion

The Home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kenny near Barnard was the scene of a happy gathering Sunday when all their children surprised them, the occasion being in honor of a daughter, who left for Idaho Tuesday. Dinner was prepared and served by the daughters and daughter-in-laws. All the children were present. Those enjoying the day were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nicholas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Reynolds and family, Jim Kenny and children, all of Maryville, Mr. and Mrs. Milt Kenny and son, Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shell and family all of Burlington Junction, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dixon, Elbert Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. George Kenny and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davison, Grandma Davison, Mrs. Jim Nowling of Idaho, Mrs. John Buford and children of Kansas City, Charley Kenny, Bob Lench, the host and hostess. Nine great grandchildren were there. Nineteen grandchildren were present. It was a day long to be remembered by the family. It is always a real joy to them when they can have their entire family in their home and may we have many more happy days together.

Morning Glory Class

The Morning Glory Class of the M. E. Church, South, met last night in the church parlors. After a short business session a social hour was enjoyed with music and games as the features. The Christmas colors prevailed in the decorations and refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee. Nineteen members and visitors were present. Mrs. James Hiett and Mrs. Burt W. Loomis were the hostesses of the evening.

C. C. Club

The C. C. Club of the Swallow district met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Emerson Hammond. A Christmas program was given and in response to roll call the members gave Christmas quotations. Arrangements for a watch party to be given New Yoar's eve at the school house were made. The evening will be spent in games and music. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Charles Shambarger. Miss Laveta Epperson was a guest of the club and the following members were present: Mrs. Ned Busby, Mrs. Charles Russell, Mrs. Edison Blagg, Mrs. Charles Epperson, Mrs. Charles Shambarger, Miss Maenora Shambarger, Mrs. Otis Lyle, Mrs. James McGinnis, and Mrs. J. D. Mutz.

Jolly Farmers Club

T. A. Parrish was host to the Jolly Farmers Club last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Angie Briggs on South Market street. Slips of paper on which were penned titles of songs were distributed among the guests and the men chose the women whistling the tunes of their songs as partners. In a flower guessing contest Miss Lois Cummings and the Rev. J. A. Cooper won the prizes, and the consolation favors were awarded Mary Alice Jones and Kenneth Jones. The rest of the evening was spent in rook the games being played at six tables. Mrs. Briggs served refreshments at the close of the games and was assisted by her daughter, Rebecca, Mr. Parrish, Miss Lois Cummings and Mrs. Robert Jones. The house was decorated throughout with Christmas bells and poinsettias. Guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Miss Lois Cummings, the Rev. J. A. Cooper, and Dorothy England. The club members present were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones and children, Mary Alice, Loretta, Katherine and Leroy, Mr. and Mrs. John Evans and children, Kenneth and Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mutz, Mr. and Mrs. Rol Evans and son, Earl, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mutz and son, Walter. The club will be entertained Friday evening, January 4, at the home of Mrs. Ray Masters.

Bloomfield Needlework Club

The Bloomfield Needlework Club was entertained Thursday afternoon at the home of Misses Nannie and Della McNeal. Roll call responses were household hints. The members exchanged Christmas gifts and seasonable decorations were used throughout the rooms. The hostess served refreshments and was assisted by Mrs. John McClurg and Mrs. Burley Gray. Mrs. Ivan Stafford was taken in as a new member. The club will meet January 3 at the home of Mrs. Burley Swalley. Visitors at the meeting were Misses Ethelyn Hanna and Maud Hollensbe, Mrs. Ivan Stafford and Mrs. Lester Ringold. These members were present, Mrs. J. H. Hanna, Mrs. Joseph Lamport, Mrs. George Hantz, Mrs. Burley Gray and daughter, Mrs. Byron Hanna and son, Mrs. Edward Hanna and son, Mrs. Bryan Hanna and son, Mrs. Charles Carmichael and son, Mrs. Marvin Carmichael and daughter, Mrs. Tom Carmichael, Mrs. B. C. Clayton, Mrs. Charles Hollensbe, Mrs. Anna Hollensbe, Mrs. John McClurg, Mrs. Earl McClurg and children, Mrs. Lee Birkenholz, Mrs. Olin Ringold, Mrs. Curtis Hull, Mrs. Allen Burks, Mrs. Clade Wiley and daughter, and Miss Neva McClurg.

Birthday Dinner at Terrace Place

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Townsend will be hosts at a 1 o'clock dinner tomorrow at Terrace Place in honor of the birthday anniversary of the latter's mother, Mrs. Lavencour Michau. The gold tints will prevail in the decorations and dinner appointments. Covers will be laid for Mrs. Michau, Mrs. Henry Bohm of Denver, Colo., a holiday guest at Terrace Place; Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Townsend and children, Lillian and Bohm, Mr. and Mrs. Luther E. Forsyth and daughter, Miss Edwyna Forsyth, and the hosts.

Christmas Tea.

Mrs. W. N. Deatherage, Miss Alice Welling and Miss Elizabeth Leet will entertain the members of the Pi Epsilon Pi sorority at a 5 o'clock tea tomorrow afternoon at the Deatherage home on West First street. The decorations will be in keeping with the season and a Christmas tree holding gifts for the members will be one of the features. The following members who are teaching at various points will be in attendance: Miss Alice Peery, Trenton; Miss Mildred Shinabargar, Tarkio; Misses Laveta Epperson and Marie Cloud, Bolckow; Miss Lucile Wright, Biloxi, Miss.; and Miss Mabel Curnutt, Kansas City.

Brink-Pitcher

Vern and Harold Moore received word yesterday of the marriage of their grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Brink of Maryville, to Nelson Pitcher of Santa Barbara, Cal. The wedding took place at 6 o'clock last Saturday evening at the Baptist Church in Santa Barbara. The bride, accompanied by another grandson, Leonard Moore, left December 9 to spend the winter in California. Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher are at home at 1227 Chapola street, Santa Barbara. Mr. Pitcher was a brother of the late Mrs. Clark Andrews of Maryville and formerly resided here. The bride has been a resident of Maryville since she was 19 years old.

Hostess at 500 Party

Mrs. E. R. Brown was hostess at a delightful 500 party Thursday afternoon at her home in Hopkins. At the conclusion of the game dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Appleton. The guests included Mrs. W. L. Moorhead, Mrs. H. C. Clutter, Mrs. W. L. Robb, Mrs. E. C. Wolfers, Sr., Mrs. F. O. Litch, Mrs. J. E. Appleton, Mrs. C. E. Donlin, Mrs. J. O. Dragoo, Mrs. C. W. Kirk, Mrs. Charles Grey, Miss May Brown, and Miss Kate Brown. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. M. G. Wolfers of Savannah, Mo., Mrs. Harry Jones of St. Joseph; Mrs. A. H. Stewart of Keota, Ia.; Mrs. Robert Wolfers of New York City; and Mrs. W. H. Havenstine of Beatrice, Neb.

To Tyler-Jennings Wedding

Misses Jettie, Zona and Neri Robertson and their brother, Douglas will leave this evening for King City where they will attend the wedding of their cousin, Miss Winona Tyler, to Walter Jennings of King City, which will take place at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tyler. The bridal couple will go to Kansas City to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jennings, after which they will be at home on a farm near King City. The bride attended the State Teachers College during the summer semester this year. Mrs. Maude Robertson went to King City two weeks ago.

SPECIALS FOR SUNDAY NOON

LINVILLE HOTEL

Roast Goose — Roast Duck — Fried Chicken

Christmas Day—TURKEY DINNER AT THE BAINUM

Hours—12 to 1:30 p. m.—6 to 7 p. m.

EMPIRE THEATRE

Tonight

Louis B. Mayer presents a Fred Niblo production

"Strangers of the Night"

A Metro Picture. A great play. A greater picture.

Walter Hackett's sensational stage success has become the most brilliantly spectacular screen production of the day, with a superb cast headed by MATT MOORE, ENID BENNETT, BARBARA LA MARR.

10c—36c and 4c.

Christmas Matinee Dance

W. O. W. Hall

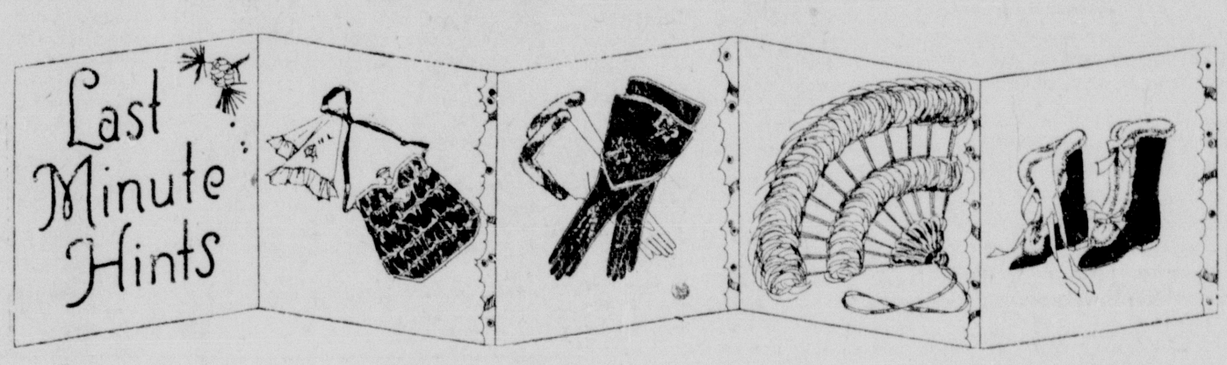
Xmas Afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock

10c a dance

Yehle's Orchestra

Yehle Dry Goods Co.

MARYVILLE'S REAL CITY STORE



Your Last Chance

Monday is your last chance to complete your Christmas Shopping. We are doing all within our power to help you with your Christmas shopping, in order that you will have no regret when Christmas morning comes. Of course you intend to think of all your friends and select some gift for them, but possibly there are some that you have overlooked until the last minute.

Here are a few Last Minute Suggestions:

GIFTS FOR HER

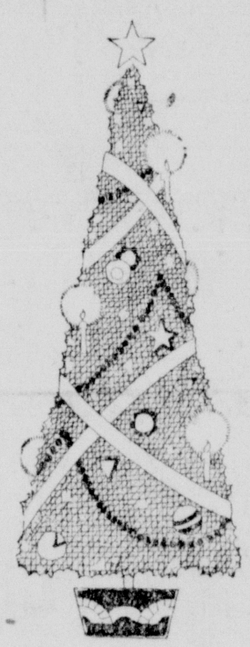
Handkerchiefs
Jewelry
Handbags
Toilet Preparations
Silk Hosiery
Wool Hosiery
Silk Lingerie
White Ivory
Needlework
Gloves
Neckwear
Books
Furs
Corsets
Kimonos
Bath Robes
Silk Blouses
Petticoats and Pettibockers
House Slippers
Hat and Scarf Sets

GIFTS FOR BOYS

Air Guns
Drums
Basket Balls
Coasters
Scooters
Automobiles
Erector Sets
Bricktor Sets
Electrical Sets
Chemistry Sets
Mechanical Toys
Games
Rocking Horses
Sleds
Wagons
Tool Chests
Harps
Trains
Tricycles

GIFTS FOR HIM

Bill Folds
Cigarette Cases
Smoking Sets
Fountain Pens
Silver and Gold Pencils
Manicure Sets
Traveling Sets
Traveling Bags
Neckties



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

May the blessed peace of Christmastide in your hearts and homes forever abide.

GIFTS FOR BABY

Cloth Dolls
Rubber Dolls
Sanitas Animals
Rattles
Floaters
Bootees
Hoods
Coats
Sweater Sets
Hot Water Bottles
Baby Record Books
Comb and Brush Sets
Picture Books
Carriage Straps
Carriage Bows
Bath Thermometer
Large Beads
Teething Rings

GIFTS FOR GIRLS

Dolls
Doll Beds
Sewing Sets
Laundry Sets
Drawing Sets
Toy Dishes
Toy Stoves
Telephones
Pianos
Chairs
Rockers
Tables
Doll Buggies
Doll Carts
Story Books
Picture Books
Fur Sets
Caps and Scarfs
Purses

GIFTS FOR THE HOME

Hoover Electric Cleaners
Rugs
Carpet Sweepers
Table Linens
Cut Glass
Silverware
Vases
Candlesticks
Door Stops
Door Knockers
Blankets
Comforters
Sheet and Pillow Case Sets
Table Runners
Reading Lamps
Sea Grass Furniture
Fancy Baskets
Pottery
Book Ends
Incense Burners

GIFTS FOR HIM

Handkerchiefs
Silk Socks
Wool Socks
Bath Robes
Auto Robes
Shaving Sets
Tobacco Jars
Books
Cuff Links
Waldemir Chains

Open Monday Evening --- Closed Christmas Day

MARYVILLE BEATS BLANCHARD CAGERS

COACH EBERT'S SQUAD ANNEXES FIRST GAME OF SEASON

FINAL SCORE 18 TO 13

Every Member Of Team Shows Up Well—Five-man Defense and Four-man Offense Used By Maryville

The Maryville High School started the 1924 basketball season by defeating Blanchard High School 18 to 13. The Spoofhounds showed remarkable strength for the first game of the season and their fast team work on the offense completely dazed the Iowa cagers.

The game started with a field goal and free throw made by Blanchard but this lead was soon overtaken and from then on Maryville held the upper hand. Both teams used the five-man defense and consequently the scores were low on account of this.

The Maryville team used a four-man defense, with the stationary guard dribbling the ball down to the center of the court. A short snappy pass was used by the squad. Blanchard used a three-man offense.

Coach Harold Ebert started Chick and Brown at forwards, Ogden at center, and Willoughby and Smith at guards. Chick was closely watched by the Blanchard basketeers and did not get many open shots at the basket. The ball was in the possession of the Spoofhounds for the greater part of the game.

Bush was placed at center in the last half and always got the tipp-off for the Spoofhounds. Bush is a new man at basketball and with a little experience will make one of the strongest men on this year's team. Wright and Miller were also given a chance to participate in the game.

Captain Smith of the Maryville squad played his usual fast floor game but was unable to break loose on the scoring department of the game. Ogden was high point man for Maryville scoring three field goals and two free shots. On the Blanchard team White was the heaviest scorer making one field shot and five free throws.

The box score was as follows:

MARYVILLE (18)

	F.G.	F.T.
Chick, f	3	1
Brown, f	0	1
Ogden, c,	3	2
Smith, g		
Willoughby, g		1
Bush	0	1

Substitutes: Bush for Ogden; Miller for Brown and Wright for Smith.

BLANCHARD (13)

	F.G.	F.T.
White, f	1	5
Miller, f,	2	0
Hagerty, c,	1	0
Brown, g,		
McElroy, g,		

Blanchard used two substitutions. W. L. Beck was referee.

Basketball Results.

Illinois, 16; Ames, 12.

Michigan, 24; University of Cincinnati, 14.

Creighton, 39; Indiana, 29.

K. C. A. C., 39; Atlanta, A. C. 21.

Colorado College, 52; Drury College, 31.

INQUIRY STARTED ON LEVIATHAN GROUNDING

New York, Dec. 22—A naval board of inquiry, consisting of an admiral and four officers of high rank, will conduct a hearing in the accident of the giant liner, Leviathan, to fix the responsibility for its grounding on the Jersey mud flats yesterday, it was announced this afternoon.

Middleton Relatives Leave.

George Starkey, who was called here b ythe death of his uncle, A. R. Middleton, returned to his home in Des Moines, Ia., Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bradbury of Pawnee City, Neb., who visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton and attended the funeral of A. R. Middleton Wednesday afternoon, have returned to their home. Frank Middleton, a son, left this morning for his home in Busteed, Mont.

Mrs. Shoemaker Coming.

Mrs. F. G. Shoemaker, Jr., and son, Jacques, of Chicago are expected to arrive in Maryville next Thursday for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Lavenecour Michau, and her sisters, Mrs. E. L. Townsend and Mrs. L. E. Forsyth. They will also visit Mr. Shoemaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Shoemaker, Sr., and his sister, Mrs. Oliver Bovard and family.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued today:

Oscar Herold Berg of Soldier, Iowa, and Hazel Marie Henderson, Guilford.

Ralph E. McGeorge of Guilford and H. Bernice Guin, also of Guilford.

B. B. Tournament at Skidmore Tuesday

Six Good Teams Will Compete—Two Trophy Cups to the Winners.

(Skidmore News)

The second annual holiday basketball tournament given by the Skidmore high school, will be held here next Tuesday, Christmas day.

Six good teams will be here and a trophy cup will be given to the winning girls' teams and winning boys' team. The teams entering the tournament are: Parnell boys and girls, Barnard boys, Craig boys and Skidmore boys and girls.

Drawing for places will be at 1:50 p. m. and the first game will start at 2 p. m. and the second game at 3 p. m. The winners of these two games will play in the finals that night.

The girls' game is expected to be the best of the season. The Skidmore girls have not been defeated but once this year and Parnell defeated them at the tournament at Maryville last fall by three points. Parnell walked away with the championship then and later won the championship for Northwest Missouri.

The final games will start at 7:30 p. m., girls playing first, and the boys' game at 8:30 p. m.

Former Residents Visit Here

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Woodford of University Place, Lincoln, Neb., arrived in Maryville yesterday afternoon to spend Christmas with relatives. They are former residents of Maryville leaving here in 1885. Mr. Woodford is a traveling salesman for the Austin Western Machine Company of Chicago.

Miss Martha James, who is employed in the office of the state insurance department at Jefferson City will come tonight to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. E. James, during the holidays.

Russell Hamilton and Temple Allen students at the College, went to Trenton today to spend the Christmas vacation.

Post Office Shows Increase in Business

Peak of Incoming Mail Expected Tomorrow—Employees to Stop At Noon Tuesday

Washington, Dec. 22. — Christmas mails this year are running from five to fifty per cent heavier than last year, it was announced by the Post Office Department today after telegraphic reports from cities widely separated throughout the country.

First class mail is 16 per cent heavier than the average and parcel post business has been 18 per cent above the average.

Business at the post office during the Christmas perid so far has shown an increase over the same period of a year ago, according to J. F. Hull, postmaster. Many packages are being mailed. It is expected the peak of the incoming mail will be received tomorrow.

The schedule for Christmas day at the postoffice is:

All windows open from 8 to 12 o'clock.

The rural carriers will not make their trip on that day and rural patrons may call for their mail at the postoffice during the opening of the windows.

The city carriers will make a delivery on that day but their work will stop promptly at 12 o'clock that day.

Leave for the Holidays

George C. Butts, city editor of the Democrat-Forum left this morning for Chillicothe to spend the holidays with his parents. Chester T. Krause of the reportorial staff left this afternoon for Fayettesville, Ark., to spend Christmas with friends there. Mark V. Sims, advertising manager, left this afternoon for Louisiana, Mo., to spend Christmas with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cornish. Mrs. Sims and daughter, Julia, are in Louisiana.

Miss Halcyon Hooker, a senior at the University School of Music at Lincoln, Nebr., will come tonight to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Hooker.

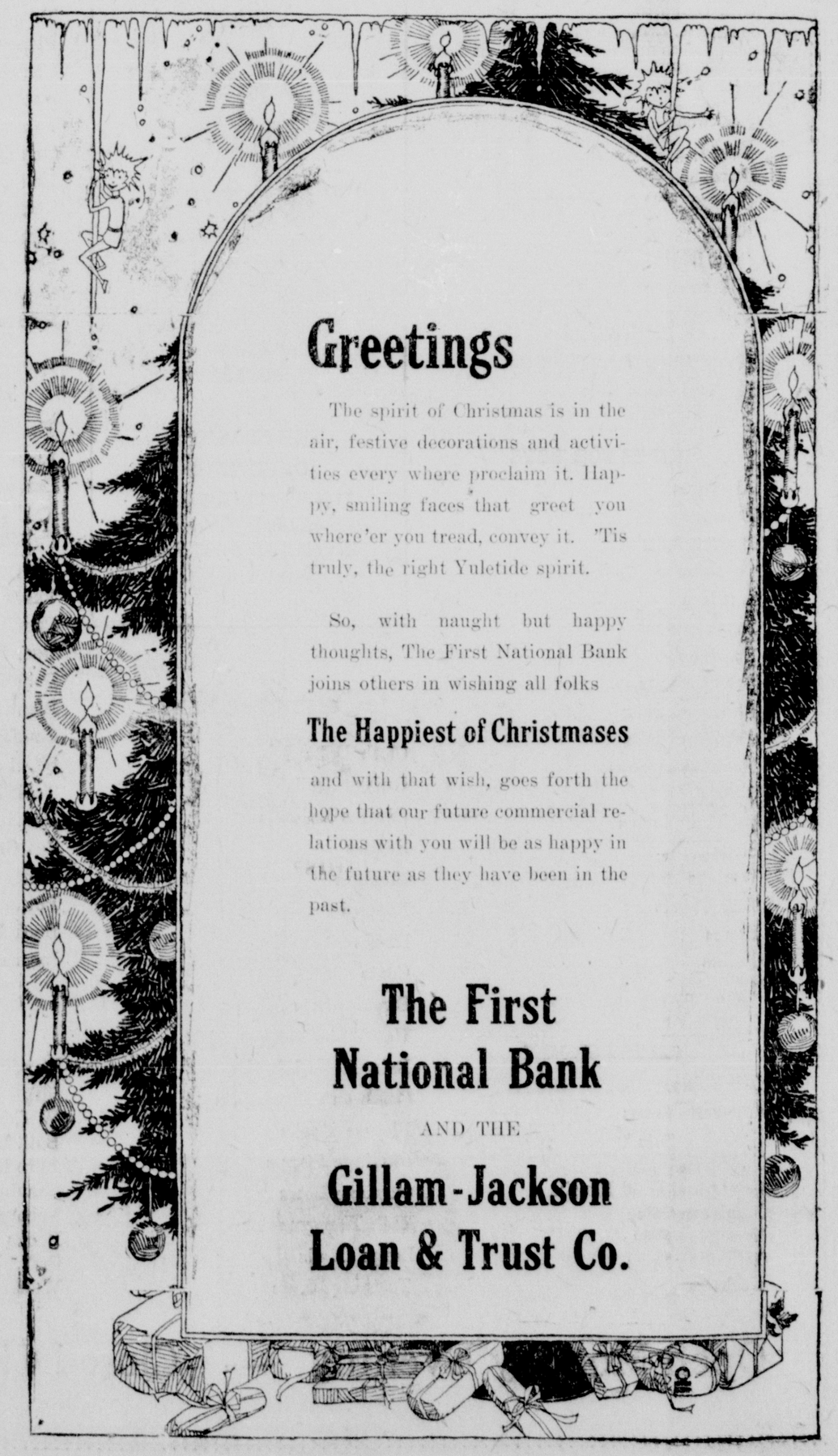
For The Last Minute Shoppers---

I am well prepared to take care of your wants with good selections of fancy goods, china, cut glass, pyrex, ivory, framed mottoes, pictures, toilet sets.

Come in and see the prices I am making on Christmas goods.

D. E. Hotchkin

Third and Main



Greetings

The spirit of Christmas is in the air, festive decorations and activities every where proclaim it. Happy, smiling faces that greet you where'er you tread, convey it. 'Tis truly, the right Yuletide spirit.

So, with naught but happy thoughts, The First National Bank joins others in wishing all folks

The Happiest of Christmases

and with that wish, goes forth the hope that our future commercial relations with you will be as happy in the future as they have been in the past.

The First National Bank

AND THE

Gillam-Jackson Loan & Trust Co.

Society

Hostess at Dinner

Mrs. Florence Howard entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner last evening at her home on South Buchanan street in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Woodford of Lincoln, Neb. Additional guests were Miss Helen Buckalew of Burlington Junction and Bernice, Edith and Mary Howard.

Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. J. C. Manning, Mrs. Alex Wells and Mrs. Earl Jordan were hostesses at a bridge luncheon Thursday at the home of Mrs. Manning in Skidmore. The holiday colors were used in the three-course luncheon which was served at 1 o'clock and the favors. Following the luncheon the guests played auction bridge at five tables, and the prize for high score was awarded Mrs. Roy Morgan. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. William Howden of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Miss Lenola Mitchell of St. Joseph. Other guests included Mrs. L. W. Garnett, Mrs. William Barber, Mrs. Frank Gwinn, Mrs. Homer Worl, Mrs. Robert Wells, Mrs. Bert Strickler, Mrs. H. W. Hoblitzell, Mrs. Harry Worl, Mrs. Roy Morgan, Mrs. C. E. Linville, Mrs. W. J. Reynolds, Mrs. J. R. Masters, Misses Dora Albright, Leona Sewell, Margaret Norton and Lucile Linville.

Entertain Freshmen.

The sophomores of the Wilcox High School entertained the freshmen at a Christmas party Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. hall. The evening was spent in holiday games and music and refreshments were served. Those present were Mary Penny, Amanda Knisely, Edna Morton, Guelda Kable, Pauline Hall, Ella Marjorie Shell, Bessie Morton, Carl Winnell, Dale McGinness, Harry Sloan, Floyd Wyman and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rathbun.

James Family Reunion

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. James will have as their guests during the holidays all of their children. Miss Lillian James came Tuesday night from St. Joseph where she teaches at the Lafayette High School. J. R. Sickles of Enid, Okla., a son-in-law, is expected to join Mrs. Sickles and their son, Jimmie, here tomorrow night and Byron James will come Christmas morning from Columbia for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Beattie and family of Arkoe visited here today.

LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS

Gaugh & Evans

OFFER CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS "LAST MINUTE" SUGGESTIONS IN QUALITY MERCHANDISE, FOR MONDAY

CANDIES
Whitman's and Chases in Gift Boxes.

CIGARS
Christmas packages in different sizes. Pipes for the men folks.

STATIONERY
Box Papers at special prices.

PERFUMES
Exquisite brands in Gift packages

At Christmas Time as the New Year opens, we wish to thank our many patrons for their past year's patronage, and wish joys will be constant throughout the New Year.

Gaugh & Evans

SOUTH SIDE DRUGGISTS

Engelmann's Christmas Price List

Engelmann's Pride of December Chrysanthemums represent one of our best offerings in cut flowers for Christmas. Large showy quality blooms in white, yellow and lavender pink. Priced for Christmas at regular prices at only $3.00, $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00 per dozen, according to size.

Roses, white, pink and red, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00 and $6.00 per dozen. Red Carnations $3.00 per dozen. Deep pink Carnations $2.50 per dozen. White and light pink Carnations $2.00 per dozen. All colors Sweet Peas, wonderful big flowers on stems 12 to 18 inches long, $1.00 per dozen. White Narcissus $1.50 per dozen. Yellow Narcissus $2.00 per dozen. Poinsettias $2.00, $3.00 and $4.00 per dozen. Stevia, Statice, etc., to mix in or for baskets, etc., 25c to 75c per bunch. All prices are regular except carnations and sweet peas which are a fraction higher for Christmas. Plenty of flowers—we can take care of practically any order. Prices include greens, careful and appropriate packing, your cards and prompt delivery on all orders. A large line of decorative materials, baskets, wreaths for any occasion and potted blooming Cyclamen, Begonias, Narcissus, Cherries, Violets, Geraniums, etc., priced at equally as reasonable prices.

SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH FLOWERS.

Alfred Engelmann, "The Florist"

Phones 17. Greenhouses 1001 South Main St.

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Rates—1c per word each insertion with minimum charge 25c for first insertion, minimum 12 words; six consecutive insertions, 5c per word, minimum 17 words; one month, 15c per word, minimum 1? word.

Count the words; send money with the order.

These prices are for CASH with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all Want Ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE—The following legal forms may be had at The Democrat-Forum office: Quit Claim Deed, House Leases, Deed of Trust, Chattle Mortgage with power of Sale, and General Warranty Deed.

FOR SALE—Dodge coupe, 4 new tires, new battery, a good buy at $450. Dodge touring car, bargain at $90. Dodge truck 1½ ton, can be bought worth the money. 1919 Dodge touring, price $185. 1923 Ford coupe. Arnold-Sillers Motor Co. Dodge Brothers Sales and Service. 20-22

FOR SALE—United States Royal Cords of all sizes. Malam Garage. Dec. 1-31

FOR SALE—1920 Ford Sedan, good repair, will sell worth the money. Otis & Herndon. D5tf.

FOR SALE—A typewriter. R. L. McDougal. 20tf

At Johnsons
For cash will sell during Dec.
30x3½ Fisk Premier, Kelly Springfield or Firestone Fabric casings $9.50.
32x3½ Miller Fabric, $10.50.
33x4 Republic Fabric $13.50.
34x4 Republic Fabric, $14.00.
30x3½ Weed Chains, $4.00.
5 gal. Mobiloil at 85c per gal.
5 gal. Monomobile oil at 80c per gal.
Cup grease 20c, 9-volt 21 c. p. bulbs 30c. Walter E. Johnson, Pickering, Mo. 5tf

FOR SALE—Ford Coupe 1920 model battery starter. Fisher Battery Station. 10tf

$2250 Grocery stock and fixtures, doing good cash business, must sell on account of other business. See Otis & Herndon. 10tf.

FOR SALE—South Missouri stock ranch, at price and terms that will surprise those who can use it or might consider exchange for Maryville city property; for three weeks only. Chas. Hyslop, D12tf.

FOR SALE—All kinds of wood. Call Hanamo 4309. B. F. Mozingo. D18 J17*

FOR SALE—Just received; large shipment of gold fish and supplies. We have some splendid bargains in sewing machines. They make a fine Christmas present. Strader & Clapper Sewing Machine Exchange 20-22

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington Cockerels, large, heavy bone, $1.50 each; also Boston bull pups. Mrs. L. B. Peter, Normal Drive. 20-22*

SPECIAL PRICES on Tire Chains till after New Years. Farmers Auto Supply Company. 21-28

FOR SALE—Spanish leather davenport, oak back, perfect condition, call 73. 20-22*

FOR SALE—Peerless Guaranteed Honey Comb Radiator for 1914 Fords $14.00; 1916 to 1923's $15.00, complete with shells. Farmers Auto Supply Company. 21-28

FOR SALE—10 tons choice clover hay; 6 bushels clover seed; 15 head stock hogs, weight 90 pounds. Cecil E. Lawson, Orrsburg Phone. 20-22*

FOR SALE—66 or less white face and red calves. Weight about 500 lbs, dehorned and thrifty, at 6¼c lb. This week only. Phone 118 white, Burlington Junction. R. R. Staples. 10-tf

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN—Joint stock land bank. For Sale—Farm and city real estate. See Ed F. Wolfert. D 12-J12

LOST—Boston bull dog, dark brindle, white feet, small brindle spot in forehead. F. M. Townsend. Phone 738. 22-26*

FOR RENT—4 room modern house, furnished or unfurnished. Inquire 610 N. Saunders. 22-24

Lost—Black suit case on Maryville-Skidmore road. Return to Democrat-Forum. 21-24

WANTED—100 horses weighing 1300 to 1800. Phone me. Will call and see them. Hanamo 31, Farmers 161. Jim Andy Ford. D19-tf

LOST—Maytag wringer on road between Sheridan and Maryville, Thursday afternoon. Reward. Lowry Hardware Co. 21tf

Engineer Scalded To Death in Wreck

Marietta, Ga., December 22—James W. Brown, engineer, was killed and several persons were slightly injured today when the Dixie Flyer was derailed and the engine completely overturned. Spreading rails were thought to have been the cause.

Brown was pinned beneath the train and scalded to death.

Nodaway County Hogs Hit Top at St. Joseph

J. O. Thompson of Nodaway county, Mo., realized the extreme top of the hog market Friday, cashing a load of choice finished butchers of 251 lbs. average at $6.70. The offerings were cross bred Durocs and Tamworths. —St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal.

Suit on Note Brought From Worth County

William Phillips in a suit on a note against B. S. Murray filed suit in the Circuit Court today on a change of venue from Worth County.

Plaintiff states that defendant gave promissory note on March 1, 1918 for $2,500.50 for which all the principal has not been paid and asks for recovery of the remainder with interest at rate of 10 per cent.

DeKa Van Pelt Files Suit for Divorce

On a charge of non-support and failing to perform duties Deka VanPelt filed suit for divorce in Circuit Court today against Frank VanPelt.

The case comes up in the January term of Circuit Court.

University Students Home

Leroy Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, and Henry Sawyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Sawyers, came last night from Columbia where they attend the University of Missouri, for the Christmas vacation.

MARKET REPORTS

Chicago, Dec. 22.—CATTLE — Receipts, 1,100.
HOGS—Receipts, 11,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 2,000.

St. Louis, Dec. 22.—CATTLE — Receipts, 250.
HOGS—Receipts, 8,000.

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—CATTLE — Receipts, 650.
HOGS—Receipts, 3,500.
SHEEP—Receipts, 500.

St. Joseph, Dec. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 125; top, $8.00.
HOGS—Receipts, 6,500; top, $6.70; 5c higher.
SHEEP—Receipts, 600; top, $12.00.

Todays Market

Leghorn springs per lb.	10c
Springs per lb.	13c
Ducks and Geese per lb.	12c
Turkeys per lb.	20c
Eggs per dozen	28c
Cream, per lb.	49c
Hens per lb.	14c
Light hens per lb.	11c
Cox per lb.	6c
Hides per lb.	4c

WANTED—Ten tons loose clover or alfalfa hay at farm. Dale Bellows, Hanamo 2-B. 20-22*

FOR RENT—40 A improved. Inquire 309 W. Thompson St. 22-26*

Has your wife a good cook stove to get your Christmas Dinner? We have some good used cook stoves that are good bakers for $17.50 each. Case Furniture Exchange. 20-23

FOR SALE—Baby chicks. Are now taking orders. Place your order early. Most all varieties. 100 per cent delivery. $14 per 100 delivered. Half down with orders. Groves Hatchery, R. 4 Skidmore, Phone through Graham. 14tf

Flowers for Christmas

We have the largest assortment of cut flowers and potted plants we have ever offered, also large display of everlasting wreaths for the cemetery, at reasonable prices. We are members of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association. Can wire flowers to any part of U. S. in short notice. We are open evenings and Sundays. At

Kissinger Greenhouses
Hanamo 374, block south of hospital.

Events in the Lives of Little Men

GEE, THAT'S A PEACHY WATCH - ALL RIGHT
IT KEEPS SWELL TIME
CAN YOU OPEN TH' BACK OF IT 'N SEE THE WHEELS?
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?
RUN SOM'MORE PADDY
HIS FIRST WATCH
(Copyright, W. N. U.)

Sen. Reed to Enter Race for Presidency

New York, Dec. 22.—The New York Evening Post today prints the following:

"Justice Daniel F. Cohalan will resign from the Supreme Court bench within a month to manage the campaign of Senator James A. Reed of Missouri for the Democratic nomination for President, it was reported today in political circles. Although Justice Cohalan would neither deny nor affirm the truth of the report, it was learned from another source that he had presented his resignation, but had agreed to serve for another month at the request of the presiding justice.

"Tammany men admitted that they had expected such a development as a result of reports that William R. Hearst looked favorably upon Senator Reed's candidacy. Ex-Surrogate John P. Cohalan, brother of Daniel F., who was refused a renomination by Charles F. Murphy, lined up with the publisher in the recent judiciary campaign. It is now believed that the two brothers, who are exiles from Fourteenth street, will poin forces with Heart to embarass the Democratic organization.

Fell Form Power.

"Justice Cohalan's term expires in 1925, and it was said to be Tammany's plan to treat him as it did his brother. The fall of the Cohalans as political powers in Democratic organization circles here dated from the time Justice Cohalan attempted to unseat Thomas F. Foley as leader of the First District. Since that time the Cohalans have been moving towards Hearst and away from Tammany Hall. Of late years their progress has been helped by active efforts on the part of ex-Sheriff Foley.

"Tammany men professed to feel no fear at the prospect of a fight for Reed delegates in this state. They admitted, however, that if Hearst should throw his support to the Missouri senator, the latter might be able to pick up a few delegates in centers of Hearst strength. The presence of even one anti-Smith man in New York's delegation, especially in view of the strength the organization is supposed to wield in this state, would, it is believed, hurt the Governor's prestige at the convention.

Always Storm Centers.

"It is recalled that Senator Reed, who was an anti-Wilson man, has been friends with Justice Cohalan for some time. President Wilson deliberately and publicly refused to meet Justice Cohalan at the time of Wilson's appearance here at the Metropolitan Opera House. It is said the President was influenced by reports of Justice Cohalan's dealings with Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, in the period prior to America's entrance into the world war.

"The Cohalans have always been storm centers in local politics. Both men exercise some influence among certain elements aligned with Tammany, although John P. Cohalan was decisively defeated when he sought to oppose the organization's candidate in 1922. With the same fate staring him in the face, it is said Justice Cohalan decided to retire gracefully, especially when he saw a chance to combat the local Democratic organization."

Miss Rosa Caster, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Middleton, left Wednesday for Kansas City. From there she will go to Galveston, Texas to spend the winter.

Henry Staples and son of Burlington Junction were Maryville visitors today.

Former Kans. Senator Asks $150,000 Damages

Kansas City, Dec. 22.—Charging that one member of the November grand jury had been absent when the indictment was returned against him, William H. Thompson, former state senator in Kansas, filed suit for $150,000 damages in circuit court today against the Monarch Transfer and Storage Company.

Thompson was indicted on false pretense charges made by the transfer company, which alleged the former senator had stopped payment on a check for $300 after he had used the check to obtain a bill of lading on household goods shipped to Oklahoma City.

Thompson declares that he was indicted on hearsay evidence which was insufficient to substantiate the charge.

Otis Faulconer of Kansas City, who has been taking treatment in the government hospital for the past month, will arrive in Maryville tonight to spend Christmas with his father-in-law, Geo. Porterfield and Mrs. Porterfield, and his wife and family who are here.

Miss Marie Cook will go to Omaha tonight to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Bunker, and family, and her brother, Frank Cook. Her mother, Mrs. Lena Cook, has been visiting her daughter and son in Omaha for the last two months.

Mrs. Fleming Carpenter and son, Gray of Shenandoah, Ia., came last night to visit over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gray, and Mr. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter is expected to join his family here tonight.

Edward Godsey went to stanberry today to spend the week end with his sister, Mrs. Harry Dunshee and family. He will return home Monday and will be accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Dunshee and little son, who will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Godsey.

Mrs. Tom Cooper and her sister, Mrs. Marion Minter of Burlington Junction, went to Kansas City this morning to attend a family reunion to be held Christmas day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gab Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Courtney and daughters, Elizabeth and Katherine of Kansas City will arrive in Maryville tonight to spend Christmas with Mrs. Courtney's mother, Mrs. A. T. Stinson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Ulmer and daughters of Hopkins were Maryville visitors today.

"Dear Santa Claus"

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 21, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a set of dishes, story book, candy, nuts and oranges house slippers, box of handkerchiefs. I have a little brother. He wants a tricycle, candy and nuts.
With love, Pearl Eleanor Jones.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 21, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am 6 years old. Please bring me a watch, bananas, nuts, oranges and candy. Don't forget the orphan boys and girls.
From your little friend,
E. J. Pyles.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 23, 1923.
Dear Old Santa:
My name is Drexel Stone. I am 8 years old. I live at 1021 East Second street. I am writing to ask you not to forget me. I would like a cowboy suit, some leather gloves, box of tools and I will be pleased with this.
Drexel Stone.

Maryville, Mo., Dec. 21, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am just a small boy yet wish to have my Christmas joy. I have been good as gold. Please bring me "Barney Google Kiddy Kar, my daddy and candy. Thank you.
Jimmie Sickels.
Bring my mamma some pretty things.
216 S. Main street.

Dec. 21, 1923.
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a mamma doll and an Ever Sharp pencil. My daddy's name is Mr. Roy Beeghly.
Marcella Beeghly:

Sell Hogs at St. Joseph

Albert Neidle, Joseph Jackson, W. T. Osborn had hogs from this county on the St. Joseph market and C. C. Carr shipped four cars of sheep in yesterday.—St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal.

KALIS' LAXATIVE
"FLU-CAPS"
FOR COLDS, GRIP AND INFLUENZA
50¢ A BOX AT YOUR DRUGGISTS
Gaugh & Evans.

HOW'S THIS?

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves the catarrhal inflammation, and the Internal Medicine, a Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus assisting to restore normal conditions.

Sold by druggists for over 40 Years.
F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

THE VALUE OF SAVING

"Save surely, steadily and wisely, so as to be able to spend judiciously in a time of need which will probably be greater than that of the present."

We welcome new accounts of One Dollar or more. We have a Bank Book waiting for you.

Oldest bank in the county. More than fifty years of service. Liberty Bonds bought and sold.

NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Mo

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL NOTES

These admitted during the last week were Mrs. M. B. Ruyle, Bedford, Ia.; Mrs. Dick Address, Maryville; Mrs. Charles Van Pelt, Cravity, Ia.; Mrs. C. Logan, Parnell; Joe Stoll, Conception Junction; Mrs. Elmer Miles, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Fred Culver, Burlington Junction; Mrs. Marion Lugar, Maryville; Mrs. Albert Messbarger, Burlington Junction; Ralph Johnson, Maryville; Cari Akars, Clinton, Mo.; Master Lester Swaney, Pickering. A son was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lewis, Jr., of Maryville.

The following patients were dismissed: Rt. Rev. Abbott Philip, Conception Monastery; Ralph Johnson, Maryville; Fred Culver, Burlington Junction; Miss Kenney Butts, Blanchard, Ia.; Mrs. H. M. Frazier, Barnard; Mrs. C. Logan, Parnell; Mrs. W. R. Smiley, Maryville; Miss K. Mier, Maryville; Mrs. Walter Nixson and infant son, Maryville; Mrs. William Steins and infant daughter, Maryville; Mrs. Don Martin and infant daughter, Maryville; Miss Margaret Woodyard, Gravity, Ia.

Virgil Lyle of Omana and Aubrey Lyle of Lincoln, Neb., will spend Christmas in Maryville with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lyle.

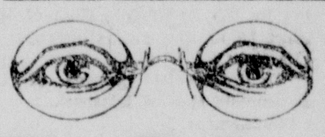
To Marengo, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leech left today for Marengo, Ia., where they will spend Christmas at the home of Mrs. Leech's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Zapf.

Alva Hill, who teaches in the Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts at Ames, is spending the Christmas vacation with his sister, Mrs. J. D. Mutz, and his mother, Mrs. Rebecca Hill of Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ziegler left last night for Fayette where they will spend Christmas week with the latter's parents.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.



Dr. Baker

Who is now located in Maryville, will diagnose all diseases of the eyes free of charge. If your eyes need treating he will direct you to a competent occulist for treatment. If you need glasses he certainly understands fitting the most difficult eyes and enable you to see.

HEARTY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND EVERY GOOD WISH FOR YOUR HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR.

Barmann Auto Co.

Authorized Ford Sales and Service.

Heat Merchants

High grade Coals is one commodity in which we specialize. Just now we have some by product coke at an attractive price—it will take the place of hard coal and is much cheaper. CLEAN, DEPENDABLE HEAT is what you want—we furnish it, backed by service that pleases, too.

Shoemaker-Bovard

Wanted!

100 Horses weighing 1300 to 1800. Fat, thick, draft, chunks, greys and roans preferred, but will buy any color.

Read dates carefully and be on time.

I WILL BE IN—

PARNELL, 10 to 12 a. m.	Wednesday, Dec. 26
RAVENWOOD, 1 to 3 p. m.	Wednesday, Dec. 26
GUILFORD, 10 to 12 a. m.	Thursday, Dec. 27
BARNARD, 1 to 3 p. m.	Thursday, Dec. 27
BURLINGTON JCT., 10 to 12 a. m.	Friday, Dec. 28
SKIDMORE, 1 to 3 p. m.	Friday, Dec. 28
MARYVILLE,	Saturday, all day, Dec. 29

Jim Andy Ford

P. S. I will buy fat mules and Southerners on this billing.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB MAKES STATEMENT

HIGHWAY COMMISSION DISAGREES WITH STATE TREASURER

'PROGRAM IS IN DANGER'

Chairman Of Commission Says People Are Willing To Pay Higher License To Have Roads

The following letter has been written by the Automobile Club of Missouri to all the official garages of this club:

"To the official garages of the Automobile club of Missouri.

"Gentlemen:

"Because of confusion existing at this time in the minds of thousands of Missourians, the Automobile Club of Missouri places before the public the following as a statement of the road situation in Missouri.

"The Chairman of the Highway Commission stated that in his opinion and as he interpreted the law, the road building of Missouri would have to be slowed down and that about $2,000,000 of bonds could be issued in 1924.

"The Attorney General gives as his opinion that $10,000,000 of bonds can be issued in 1924; this organization is of the opinion that in order to issue $10,000,000 of bonds additional revenue will have to be provided to take care of the sinking fund of such bonds and the interest, and maintenance of Roads.

"It has been stated in the Press that an injunction suit would be instituted in the event it was attempted to issue more than $5,000,000 in bonds during 1924.—this further complicates the situation.

"The State Treasurer made the statement that there were available, ample funds to carry out the program for 1924.

"The Chairman of the Highway Commission takes issue with the State Treasurer as follows:

"He (the State Treasurer) estimates the cost of collection and administration next year at $800,000. We fix it at $1,000,000 or a little more."

"All of the $10,500,000 now in the road fund, except $1,000,000, is under contract, and that will be so committed by January 1st."

"Instead of receiving $7,000,000 in Federal Aid next year, we will get $2,000,000."

"We will not receive any of the $6,000,000 from counties of which he speaks because that is money which went under Morgan-McCullough contracts in the latter part of 1922, except for small sums in two or three counties. Thus it was committed long ago."

"He says he has paid out $702,000 for maintenance this year. But by the time all of the bills have been paid, it will approximate $1,000,000.

"It is evident from the statement of the Chairman of the Highway Commission that there is a difference in the statements of $11,000,000 in anticipated receipts—that there is a difference of $200,000 in operations—and that there is a difference of $300,000 in maintenance.

"The Automobile Club of Missouri is of the opinion from its investigation that the State Treasurer is wrong in his deductions, that there is considerable doubt as to the possibility of issuing $10,000,000 of bonds in 1924 and that the statement of the Chairman of the Highway Commission as originally made, is correct.

"It is our opinion that the following is correct, admitting the estimate of the Treasurer on income:

"Estimated income from motor vehicle license fees—$4,500,000.00 (This is an estimate and compares to about $4,100.00 for 1923).

"Interest on bonds already issued—$585,000.00

Sinking fund on bonds issued—$2,000,000.00.

Administration expenses—

State Treasurer	$15,800.00
State Auditor	9,250.00
Secy. of State	270,070.00
Highway Department	679,820.00
Total Administration —	$975,940.00

"Total deductions from revenue—$3,560,940.00.

Balance available for any variations in estimates or for maintenance of roads—$939,060.00.

"On the basis of maintaining 7600 miles of roads, this is at the rate of $125.00 per mile, provided that no additional bonds are issued in 1924—Our roads cannot be maintained at this rate—and the program must come to a standstill if they are maintained at this rate.

"We therefore believe that the state road program of this state is in a most precarious position—that the people of this State stand to lose between $3,000,000 and $5,000,000 in increased overhead of operations—and that the completion of the $60,000,000 system will be delayed for several years if the present organization is allowed to be disrupted.

"Accordingly, we call upon the people of this State at large to let the Governor know in no uncertain terms that there is a demand for the calling of a Special Session—that the people of this State do want to get their roads built—that the motorists of this state are willing to pay an average of $4.00 per car for their roads—and that this action should be taken in order to be effective in 1924.

"It is well known that the Automobile Club of Missouri has consistently opposed the increasing of license fees for motorists in the past, because there was no definite plan for the use of the funds created. By reason of the policy of the Club, Missouri ranks 41st in the average amount of license fees per car, although the State is ninth in population, ninth in wealth and tenth in motor vehicles. Today however this State has a definite plan, a competent Commission, an efficient organization and every dollar of license money goes into the roads with a minimum expenditure for administration.

"Under these circumstances there is every reason for an increased fee and if the fees were increased 50 per cent, the average Missouri fee would still be about the average fees in the other states.

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF MISSOURI
R. F. Britton, President. William King, Secretary & General Manager.

Sale of Tabernacle Lumber Averages $3.10

A large crowd attended the auction sale of the lumber used in the construction of the Christian Church tabernacle today. The lumber was divided into small lots according to the dimensions and sold. The average price was about $3.10 per hundred feet.

A moving picture was taken of the sale by Ralph Marcell and will be incorporated into the film for the Christian Church.

Judge Exhibits at Rock Port School Fair

G. K. Arney, vocational agricultural instructor at the High School, and L. H. Brownfield, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, went to Rock Port this morning to attend the school fair that is being held at that place today. They will act as judges of the displays.

Miss Lela Ulmer who teaches at East Prairie, Mo., arrived in Hopkins yesterday to spend Christmas with her parents.

FIRST PRIZE ESSAY BY MISS PFEIFER

(Continued from page one)

rural life and also to secure closer co-operation between the home and the school."

The judges graded on the following scoring system: , Ability on subject seventy-five points; composition, fifteen points, and neatness, ten points.

A $5 and $3 were awarded to first and second prize essays to freshman, sophomore, juniors and seniors in the high school class and to the five highest among the grade pupils essays prizes of first, $10; second, $8; third, $6; fourth, $5; and fifth, $3.

Chicago Bidding for Democratic Convention

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A concerted effort is being made today by Chicago and Washington to bring the Democratic national convention to this city.

A pilgrimage of Chicago business men and civic leaders headed by Mayor Dever to the national Capital has been made to bring this about. Movement is under way to secure sufficient funds to cover the expenses of the convention.

Leave for Spickard.

Leslie G. Somerville, county superintendent, and family left this evening by automobile for Blythedale to visit Mr. and Mrs. Buntin over Sunday. They will go to Mercer Monday to visit Mrs. Somerville's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Early and from Mercer will go to Spickard to visit with Mr. Somerville's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O .B. Somerville. They expect to be back in Maryville next Thursday.

THE SERVICE STATION
of the
STANDARD OIL CO.
will be open until 11
o'clock a. m. on
Christmas Day.

ELECTRIC THEATRE

PHONE NO. HANAMO 602, FARMERS 111.

TONIGHT ONLY—Edmund Lowe and Mona Kingsley in "LIVING LIES." From the Saturday Evening Post story, "A SCRAP OF PAPER," by Arthur Sohmers Roche. Night 7:30 and 9:00—Children 22c, adults 22c.

MONDAY, Dec. 24—William Duncan and Edith Johnson in "STEEL TRAIL," Episode 3. Also a two reel western — Marie Walcamp in "TEMPEST CODY RIDES WILD," and a two reel comedy, Baby Peggy in "KID REPORTER." Night 7:30 and 9:00—10c and 22c.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 25 and 25—Warner Brothers Classic of the Screen—

WESLEY BARRY In "The Printer's Devil"

A suspense creating, atmospheric story specially written around that gloriously boyish boy—Wes ,of the freckles and smiles.

Notice

On Christmas Day, the following Service Stations will be closed from 12 o'clock, noon, until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and then at 6 o'clock in the evening.

GRAY-WRAY OIL COMPANY,
INDEPENDENT OIL COMPANY,
SINCLAIR OIL COMPANY.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church

wishes all people

A Christmas Merry and A New Year Happy

morning theme

"THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME"

come sing with us

O They sang, and I ween that never
The carol on Earth shall cease
Glory to God in the highest,
On Earth good will and peace."

A Joyful Christmas

We take this opportunity of wishing our many friends and patrons, a very Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope that you, whose friendship has been the cause of our success, will continue to favor us during the coming year with this friendship, which we assure you is deeply and sincerely appreciated.

DREYER DRY CLEANING Co
We Leave no Odor
Hanamo 290 Farmers 121
MARYVILLE, MISSOURI,

Dance with Santa on Christmas Day!

Brunswick Holiday Phonographs and Records

To be joyful and happy is the spirit of Christmas—and it takes one of our Brunswick Phonographs and Records to do it. You'll get that real feeling of joy and contentment. We've also stocked up on all the modern Records—Opera—Classical and Jazz—whatever you and your guests desire.

We have on display a variety of beautiful Phonographs—pick out one that lends harmony to your furniture—and your purse.

The Price Furniture Co.

The Seasons Greetings

Christmas Festivities would never have been observed;
Christmas Carols never sung;
Christmas Gifts never bestowed;
Christmas Games never played;
Christmas Bells never rung;
Christmas Greetings never exchanged—

HAD CHRIST NEVER BEEN BORN.

Shall we make HIM the center of our thought and worship, Tuesday—the Happy Christmas Day? by finding our places in some house of God, where we may, in our respective congregations, bow in humble reverence before HIM?

Let us, church member or otherwise, celebrate

THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR KING

with true dignity and purpose!

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